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SUBJECT: AUTOMATIC VOTING MACHINES

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1. THROUGH TUESDAY JULY 17 MCCUNE STILL UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTING ENGAGE VENEZUELAN COUNSEL TO REPRESENT AUTOMATIC VOTING MACHINE INTERESTS IN CARACAS. IN FACE OF RETICENCE ENCOUNTERED PLUS EXCESSIVE LEGAL FEES LIKELY TO BE CHARGED, MCCUNE NOW CONSIDERING FALL-BACK POSITION OF LESS THAN FULL REPRESENTATION AND RELATIONSHIP WHICH WOULD TEND MORE TOWARD ADVISORY CHARACTER.

2. MCCUNE MET ON JULY 17 WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL. LATTER FORMALLY ADVISED HIM OF AVM CONTRACT RESCISSION AND REQUESTED RETURN TO GOV OF FIFTEEN MILLION BOLIVAR ADVANCE PAYMENT. MCCUNE SAID UNABLE RESPOND IN ABSENCE OF LOCAL LEGAL COUNSEL AND REQUESTED 30 DAYS IN WHICH TO SECURE SAME AND DETERMINE POSITION. ATTORNEY GENERAL GRANTED 15-DAY PERIOD IN WHICH TO FIND AND ENGAGE COUNSEL, AFTER WHICH CASE WOULD BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN THEM.

3. ON BALANCE MCCUNE WAS ENCOURAGED BY CONSIDERATION AND COURTESY SHOWN HIM BY ATTORNEY GENERAL AND BY 15-DAY
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PERIOD GRANTED. HE IS ACTIVELY PURSUING MATTER OF LOCAL

COUNSEL AND DEPENDING UPON PROGRESS ACHIEVED HOPES RETURN
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